

A FAST ETHERNET AND ETHERNET DRIVER

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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A driver circuit for driving a line in a network comprises first driving means for driving the line, second driving means for driving the line, and switching means for switching between the first and second driving means. A method for providing multi-mode driver capability is also described. The method comprises the steps of providing a line driver circuit including both a current source and a voltage source, selecting a first or second mode of operation, operating the line driver circuit in a first configuration when the first mode of operation is selected, and operating the line driver circuit in a second configuration when the second mode of operation is selected.

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